

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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DRUG TRANSIT POINT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Delhi emerging as major drug transit point' appearing in the 'Hindu', dated the June,29, 2001;
- (b) if so, facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the number of cases detected involving illegal drug rackets during the last one year; and
- (d) the quantity of drugs captured and the persons arrested during the last one year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The proximity to the International border and good air-linkage with other countries make Delhi vulnerable to drug trafficking, which is a clandestine activity. Seizure of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the Delhi region, as reported by various drug law enforcement agencies, do not indicate an overall increasing trend.

(c)&(d) :The total quantity of Opium, Heroin, Ganja, Hashish and Methaqualone seized,the number of cases detected and the number of persons arrested as reported by various Drug Law Enforcement Agencies as on June 30, 2001 during the year 2000 are as under :-

Drug seized	-	4472.69 kgs.
Number of cases detected	-	603
Number of persons arrested	-	682